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In re Application of: **Miekka et al.**)
Application No. 09/960,703) Art Unit: 1744
Filing Date: September 24, 2001) Examiner: **Krisanne Jastrzab**
For: **Methods for sterilizing biological materials**)
 containing non-aqueous solvents)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed to the best of the undersigned's knowledge before the mailing date of a Final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance for the above-referenced application. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$180.00 as specified by 1.17(p) to Deposit Account 50-0310. Documents aa to ac listed in this Information Disclosure Statement were cited by the Examiner in an Office Action in related U.S. Application 10/060,208.

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